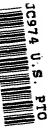


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CONTINUING PATENT APPLICATION

Sir:

☒ This is a request for filing a continuation, divisional, application of pending prior Application No. PCT/US99/11861, filed May 28, 1999 entitled CASPASE-9 DEFICIENT ANIMALS AND USE THEREOF.

☒ Transmitted herewith for filing are the specification; claims; abstract; executed Declaration and Power of Attorney; Statement to Verify Content of Computer Readable Form Submission Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(f); Computer Readable Form; Paper Sequence Listing; ☒ Preliminary Amendment; Information Disclosure Statement; and Form PTO-1449 and documents cited therein for the above-identified patent application.

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The enclosed declaration is:

- ☐ Newly executed (original or copy).
- ☒ Copy from a prior application (37 C.F.R. § 1.63(d)).
- ☐ A signed statement is attached deleting inventors named in the prior application (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b)).
- ☐ The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the declaration is supplied, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
- ☐ The prior application, Application No. _____, filed _____, is assigned of record to _____.

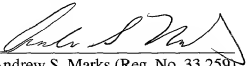
Also transmitted herewith are:

- ☒ 24 sheets of specification.
- ☐ Formal drawings.
- ☒ Informal drawings. Formal drawings will be filed during the pendency of this application.
- ☐ An assignment of the invention
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$40.00 to cover the recording fee.
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- ☐ An associate power of attorney.
- ☐ A certified copy of the priority document, _____ application, No. _____, filed _____.
- ☐ Applicants claim small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.

The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

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